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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02886.0088

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Hiroataka TODAKA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3725
	)	
Application No.: 10/782,759	)	Examiner: Edward T. Tolan
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Filed: February 23, 2004	)	Confirmation No.: 7642
	)	
For: PARTIALLY REINFORCING	)	
METHOD AND APPARATUS OF	)	
METAL MATERIAL	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2006, please amend this application  
as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.